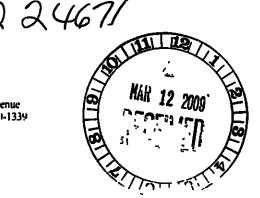


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Via Overnight Mail

Ms Anne Oumlan **Acting Secretary** Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S W Washington, DC 20424

Docket No AB-43 (Sub-No 181X), Illinois Central Railroad Company Re — Notice of Exemption for Abandonment in Wickliffe, Ballard County. Kentucky

Dear Ms Quinlan

By notice of exemption served in the above-captioned proceeding on May 27, 2008, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") was authorized to abandon its line of railroad extending from Milepost 364 54 to 366 20, a distance of approximately 1 66 miles, all in Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky IC's abandonment exemption became effective on February 23, 2009.

Pursuant to 49 C F R. 1152 29(e)(2) and 1152 50(e), IC hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject line of railroad on March 9, 2009

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy is also enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this matter

Respectfully submitted.

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